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**Monday, May 12 at 2:00 PM:**

## **DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE HEARING WILL EXAMINE WHETHER AMERICAN RECONSTRUCTION AND ANTI- CORRUPTION FAILURES HAVE UNDERMINED THE U.S. MISSION IN IRAQ**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee will conduct a hearing on Monday, May 12 at 2:00 PM to examine the impact of American reconstruction and anti-corruption failures on the U.S. mission in Iraq, Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND) announced Wednesday.

The hearing will take place in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witnesses will include two former Bush Administration officials who served in top posts in Iraq, and a retired two-star General with extensive experience in peace-keeping operations in Bosnia and as a civilian administrator for the United Nations in Kosovo.

The hearing will be the 14<sup>th</sup> in a series of hearings the Committee, established by law in 1947, has conducted on waste, fraud and corruption in Iraq.

Details about the hearing follow:

**WHO:** *Senators:* Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI); Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and other members of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee.

*Witnesses:* Judge Arthur Brennan, former Director of the Department of State's Office of Accountability and Transparency (OAT). He served in that post in Iraq in 2007. James Mattil, former Chief of Staff of OAT in Iraq. He served in that post for two years; Major General William Nash (Ret.), a former U.S. Army commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina and a former civilian administrator for the United Nations in Kosovo.

**WHAT:** Oversight hearing on waste, fraud and corruption in Iraq

**WHEN:** 2:00 PM, Monday, May 12, 2008

**WHERE:** 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

**WHY:** To examine whether American reconstruction and anti-corruption failures have undermined the U.S. mission in Iraq.

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